

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011** Press Contact: Ryan Nickel (202) 225-3481

**WASHINGTON, D.C., December 15<sup>th</sup>-** House Appropriations Committee Ranking Democratic Rep. Norm Dicks made the following statement after release of the bill text for the remaining appropriations of FY2012:

"Today the House and Senate conferees have filed a conference report containing the nine remaining Fiscal Year 2012 appropriations bills, none of which resorts to a continuing resolution mechanism for funding. The conference report funds the government at a level that is consistent with the Budget Control Act, and I am pleased that we were able to resolve the major disagreements that Democrats expressed regarding legislative provisions inserted by House Republicans into several of these bills. These contentious policy riders had no place in our annual appropriations bills, and it was encouraging that we were able to remove nearly all of them from the final version of this bill. While the final bill may not be perfect, it nevertheless reflects a compromise that clearly resulted from the direct involvement of all of the Ranking Democratic Members, and thus I intend to support it.

"Throughout this year, I have consistently joined Chairman Rogers in supporting open rules and advocating a return to the regular order of considering separate appropriations bills, which I believe is important for restoring confidence in our process. At the same time I have reminded my Republican colleagues that nothing has done more to obstruct the process than loading down appropriations bills with partisan or ideological baggage in the form of legislative provisions that are unrelated to the mission of this Committee. It is my hope, as we begin work on the Fiscal Year 2013 budget that my Republican colleagues will focus on working with our side of the aisle to preserve the integrity of the Committee and its primary role in funding all of the essential activities and agencies of the federal government."

**Below is a comparison of what Republican Leadership proposed in their FY12 House bills and what is included in the Budget Agreement:**

LEGISLATIVE RIDERS

Riders proposed in House GOP bills but not included	in Budget Agreement
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Riders	Included	in Budget Agreement
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Defense

Attempt to impose the Defense of Marriage Act on the military.

Attempt to restrict "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" repeal training for military chaplains.

Attempt to block any regulations or executive order requiring government contractors to disclose political activities.

Attempt to block enforcement of the Energy Independence Security Act prohibiting the Department of Energy from issuing regulations that would require the use of energy efficient buildings.

Agreement restricts involvement in activities that violate the Child Soldier Prevention Act.

Agreement prohibits transfers of detainees from Guantanamo Bay to the continental United States, its territories, possessions, or any other country.

Agreement revises language allowing transfers of detainees from Guantanamo Bay to other countries.

Agreement prohibits the construction or renovation of any facility in the continental United States, territories, possessions, or any other country.

## **Energy & Water**

Attempt to bar the Corps of Engineers from updating its regulatory guidance relating to the Clean Water Act.

Attempt to consider nuclear storage at Yucca Mountain.

Attempt to allow firearms at Corps of Engineers recreation areas.

Attempt to bar the Department of Energy from implementing any significant regulatory actions.

Attempt to bar international cooperation on energy research and development at the Department of Energy.

Attempt to block enforcement of the Energy Independence Security Act prohibiting the Department of Energy from issuing permits for new oil and gas drilling.

Attempt to prohibit the reintroduction of salmon in the San Joaquin River.

Attempt to defund the court ordered settlement regarding water supply and environmental restoration on the Klamath River.

Attempt to bar recess appointments.

Agreement includes a ban on enforcing light bulb energy efficiency standards set forth in the Energy Policy Act of 2005.

Agreement includes a requirement that recipients of DOE grants in excess of \$1 million upgrade the efficiency of their buildings.

Agreement includes a ban on Corps of Engineers funding for a study on the Missouri River.

Agreement includes a provision requiring E-verify for any new Federal hire.

## Financial Services

Attempt to bar federal funds for Needle Exchange Programs.

Attempt to reverse rules on family travel and remittances to Cuba, bringing us back to Bush-era rules on travel.

Attempt to block any regulations or executive order requiring government contractors to disclose political contributions.

Attempt to defund Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform law.

Attempt to block transfer of funds from the federal reserve to the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau

Attempt to defund the Affordable Care Act.

Attempt to terminate the Housing Affordable Modification Program.

Attempt to block FCC from implementing net neutrality rules.

Attempt to eliminate the Presidential Election Campaign Fund.

Attempt to block the Consumer Product Safety Commission from implementing a public database of pro

Agreement includes compromise language for D.C. funds for Needle Exchange Programs if local law enf

Agreement carries language from FY10 barring local D.C. funds for abortions.

Agreement includes compromise language specifying that government contractors will not disclose polit

**Interior & Environment**

Attempt to block the EPA from regulating greenhouse gasses through the Clean Air Act and from issuing

Attempt to block Endangered Species Act listings and critical habitat designations.

Attempt to bar the Office of Surface Mining from updating the Stream Buffer Rule in order to better regul

Attempt to block judicial review of any decision to delist wolves in Wyoming or the Great Lakes region.

Attempt to prohibit the EPA from regulating fossil fuel combustion waste (coal ash) under the Solid Wast

Attempt to block the EPA from developing, finalizing, implementing or enforcing rules for cooling water in

Attempt to block the expansion of the storm water discharge program under the Clean Water Act.

Attempt to block the EPA from disapproving any state flexible air permitting program to benefit the state

Attempt to block the Forest Service from implementing Travel Management Plans in California until com

Attempt to block the EPA from protecting Endangered Species from dangerous pesticides.

Attempt to block the EPA from implementing Clean Air Act regulations on the manufacture of Portland ce

Attempt to block the EPA from enforcing the Lead Test Rule until commercially available lead testing tec

Attempt to block the EPA from implementing water quality standards in Florida.

Attempt to block the EPA from developing or finalizing a greenhouse gas standard for automobiles after

Attempt to block the EPA from regulating particulate matter in the air under the Clean Air Act.

Attempt to block the EPA from developing additional financial assurance requirements for hard rock min

Attempt to block certain Great Lakes states from receiving EPA funding if they adopt stringent ballast wa

Attempt to block the EPA from issuing guidance on misleading information provided on pesticide labels.

Attempt to block the EPA from developing or implementing regulations related to ammonia emissions.

Attempt to eliminate requirements for chemical companies and agriculture to obtain permits for pesticide

Agreement includes compromise language on administrative appeals of grazing on public lands.

Agreement includes compromise language on the movement of livestock across public land.

Agreement includes compromise language allowing grazing permits to be extended

Agreement includes compromise language on the requirement of permits for runoff from timber roads ('s

Agreement includes compromise language which blocks action on managing wild big horn sheep and if



Agreement includes compromise language that would change the responsibility for issuing air permits for

Agreement removes bill language that attempted to indefinitely delay the release of health assessments

Agreement continues a block on regulations requiring a permit for emissions resulting from the biological

Agreement includes language that was also included in FY10 bill that blocks the EPA from requiring reports

Agreement includes language modifying the Forest Service appeals process.

## **Homeland Security**

Attempt to block the Transportation Security Administration from implementing collective bargaining.

Agreement includes compromise language on the FEMA Firefighter grant program continuing six waivers

## **Labor, HHS, Education**

Attempt to block use of funds to implement the Affordable Care Act.

Attempt to block the use of funds by Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services to enforce new health ins

Attempt to block any funds for the Title X family planning program.

Attempt to prohibit provision of any funds to Planned Parenthood.

Attempt to expand application of the Hyde amendment.

Attempt to revise “abortion non-discrimination” rules in permanent law.

Attempt to block any funding for “patient-centered outcomes research” at NIH and other agencies.

Attempt to block any funding being provided to National Public Radio by the CPB or from the grants it m

Attempt to block any funding for the development of open educational resources.

Attempt to block the OSHA Injury and Illness Prevention program.

Attempt to limit OSHA rules to prevent deaths and injuries from falls in residential roofing.

Attempt to block Project Labor Agreements on DOL construction.

Attempt to block enforcement of employer requirements under the H-2A worker program.

Attempt to block the proposed rule regarding H-2B labor certification enforcement.

Attempt to block Education Department rules limiting participation in student aid programs by for-profit colleges.

Attempt to remove NLRB jurisdiction over "small" businesses (defined as up to 1,000 employees in some states).

Attempt to block implementation of an NLRB rule revising procedures for union representation elections.

Attempt to reverse a recent NLRB decision regarding bargaining unit standards for union elections.

Attempt to reverse a recent NLRB decision regarding timing of representation elections after voluntary recognition.

Attempt to block enforcement of an NLRB final rule regarding posting of notices describing employee rights.

Attempt to prohibit the "Right to Know" regulation requiring workers to be told if they are considered "industrial hygiene hazards."

Attempt to block the "Bridge to Justice" attorney referral program for wage and overtime violations.

Attempt to block regulation on labor-management consultant reporting.

Attempt to shift Davis-Bacon wage determinations to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Agreement prohibits the Department of Labor from implementing revised prevailing wage rates for H-2B

Agreement bans federal funding for needle exchange programs.

Agreement delays for up to 240 days implementation of MSHA's proposed rule regarding miners' exposure

Agreement prohibits finalization of current OSHA proposal regarding reporting of musculoskeletal injuries

Agreement exempts service advisors at auto dealerships from overtime requirements under the Fair Labor

Agreement contains language prohibiting any new NLRB rules or directives that would allow electronic voting

### **State & Foreign Operations**

Attempt to restore "Mexico City" policy – the "Global Gag Rule."

Attempt to defund the United Nations Population Fund.

Attempt to withdraw U.S. support for the IMF and its role in addressing global financial instability.

## **KEY FUNDING LEVELS**

**PROGRAM**

**House GOP FY12 Bills**

**FY12 Proposed Budget Agreement (H.R.2055)**

**DEFENSE**

**Defense Health Program**

**\$32.35 Billion**

\$32.48 Billion

**Medical Research**

\$1.22 Billion

\$1.27 Billion

**Military Personnel**

\$132.09 Billion

\$131.09 Billion

**Operation & Maintenance**

\$169.98 Billion

\$163.07 Billion

**Procurement**

\$107.58 Billion

\$104.58 Billion

**Research & Development**

\$72.98 Billion

\$72.42 Billion

**Overseas Contingency Operations**

\$118.55 Billion

\$114.97 Billion

**ENERGY & WATER**

**Army Corps of Engineers**

\$4.76 Billion

\$5.0 Billion

**Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy**

\$1.3 Billion

\$1.82 Billion

**Office of Science**

\$4.8 Billion

\$4.89 Billion

**Advanced Research Projects Agency (ARPA-E)**

\$179.6 Million

\$275 Million



**Nuclear Nonproliferation**

\$2.09 Billion

\$2.3 Billion

**FINANCIAL SERVICES**

**Securities & Exchange Commission (SEC)**

\$1.18 Billion

\$1.32 Billion

**Commodity Futures Trading Commission Personnel (CFTC)**

\$205 Million

\$205 Million (Agreement allows for \$10 Million transfer from information technology to salaries & expenses)

**Internal Revenue Service (IRS)**

\$11.52 Billion

\$11.82 Billion

**United States Postal Service (USPS)**

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Includes a provision that prevents USPS default by postponing, 2012 provision payment until August 1

**General Services Administration (GSA)- New Construction**

\$0

\$50 Million

**Community Development Financial Institutions**

\$183 Million

\$221 Million

## **INTERIOR & ENVIRONMENT**

### **Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)**

\$7.15 Billion

\$8.46 Billion

### **Land & Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)**

\$66 Million

\$323 Million

### **Listing of Endangered Species**

\$0

\$21 Million

**HOMELAND SECURITY**

**FEMA State & Local Grants**

\$1.0 Billion

\$1.35 Billion

**Consolidation of DHS Headquarters**

\$0

\$56 Million

**LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION**

**Job Training & Employment**

\$962 Million

\$3.195 Billion

**Pell Grants**

\$20.65 Billion

\$22.8 Billion

**School Improvement Grants**

\$0

\$535 Million

**Literacy Programs**

\$0

\$185 Million

**Aid to Minority-Serving Higher Education Institutions**

\$324 Million

\$532 Million

**Health Professions and Nurses Training**

\$192 Million

\$466 Million

**Mental Health Services**

\$825 Million

\$1.0 Billion

**Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)**

\$3.39 Billion

\$3.48 Billion

**Corporation for National and Community Service**

\$280 Million

\$1.05 Billion

**Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB)**

\$0

\$445 Million

**MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, VETERANS AFFAIRS**

**Medical & Prosthetic Research**

\$530 Million

\$581 Million

<b>STATE &amp; FOREIGN OPERATIONS</b>
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<b>USAID</b>
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\$985.2 Million
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\$1.35 Billion
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<b>Humanitarian Disaster Relief</b>
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\$2.29 Billion
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\$2.87 Billion
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<b>Bilateral Economic Assistance</b>
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\$15.27 Billion
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\$17.3 Billion		
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